

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the title to read as:

GENES ENCODING MAST CELL-DERIVED MEMBRANE PROTEINS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows the nucleotide sequence of the MC-PIR1 cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1) and its deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2). Dotted line under the nucleotide sequence indicates the DNA fragment isolated by the SST-REX method. Poly-A signal is shown by the underline at the bottom. The signal sequence is indicated by lower case letters. Thickened underline shows the transmembrane domain. The ITIM sequences are shown by doubled underlines. Cysteines participating in S-S bond formation are boxed. The binding sequence for the asparagine-linked sugar chain is also boxed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 2 shows the open-reading frame of MC-PIR2 (SEQ ID NO:3) and its deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:4). The signal sequence is shown by lower case letters. The transmembrane domain is indicated by thickened underline. The lysine residue critical for binding to other cofactor molecule containing the ITAM sequence in the transmembrane domain is boxed. Cysteines participating in S-S bond formation are also boxed. The binding sequence for the asparagine-linked sugar chain is also boxed.